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. ACCORDING TO RADIO AND PRESS REPORTS, CHANCELLOR KIESINGER AS DESIGNATED THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR TO DEAL WITH INTERCEPT REQUESTS AFFECTING INDIVIDUALS, AND THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR DECISIONS ON POSTAL SURVEILLANCE IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY. THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF FIVE BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES WHICH EXERCISES PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL OVER THE MINISTERS AND MUST APPROVE NATIONAL SECURITY MONITORING REPORTEDLY WILL BE DESIGNATED BY THE BUNDESTAG IN THE NEAR FUTURE. RICHARD JAEGER (CSU), BERT EVEN (CDU), MARTIN IRSCH (SPD), HERMAN HANSIND (SPD) AND WOLFRAN DORN (FDP) HAVE BEEN MENTIONED AS PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

. COMMENT; THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, AFTER IT HAS BEEN FORMED MUST APPOINT A THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH MAY REVIEW THE EQUALITY OF MONITORING DECISIONS. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THIS MEASURE WILL ALSO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, THE DATE OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE MONITORING LAW, SO THAT THE MONITORING PROCEDURES CAN BECOME OPERATIVE ON THAT DATE. LODGE

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